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PATENT SPECIFICATION

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

Improvements in or relating to Cabinets.

Communication from THE PROSPERITY COMPANY, INC., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York, of Beattie and Lombard Streets, in the City of Syracuse, State of New York, United States of America.

I, LEONARD MELLERSH-JACKSON, a subject of the King of Great Britain, of the firm of Haseltine, Lake & Co., Chartered Patent Agents, 28, Southampton Buildings, London, in the County of Middlesex, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

This invention relates to an improved cabinet having a plurality of containers, in the form of removable drawers, and the invention consists in a plurality of substantially similar cabinets each comprising a plurality of containers mounted in compartments and having means for preventing the insertion of one container in the compartment of another cabinet.

In order that the invention may be more clearly understood and more readily carried into effect, explanatory drawings have been hereunto appended on which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a similar view of one of the drawers of the cabinet.

Figure 3 is a plan view of one of the cabinet drawers.

It may here be remarked that these figures are similar to Figures 1 to 3 of the drawings accompanying the Specification of my co-pending Application No. 32,247 of 1926 (Serial No. 287,612).

While the present invention is of general application or use, it is particularly designed for use in connection with a method of handling articles during the finishing and ironing thereof in commercial laundries.

The present invention comprises a cabinet 10, in which are mounted a series of removable and easily operable drawers 11. Each one of these drawers 11 is designed to receive one of the classes into which a single laundry or wash group is

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sub-divided, thereby providing a positive means of preventing the items of one class being mixed with the items of any other class.

This cabinet is mounted on wheels 12 whereby it may readily be moved from position to position in progressing from the washing room through the ironing or finishing room to the laundry packing or shipping room.

Thus the single laundry or wash group belonging to an individual owner is sub-divided into its various classes and one of such classes is placed in each of the drawers 11 of a cabinet 10 previously assigned to that particular wash or laundry group. In other words, each individual laundry or wash group is assigned an entire cabinet 10 which acts as a container for the entire laundry or wash group during its progress through the ironing or finishing room and until the classes into which the laundry or wash group has been subdivided, are brought together into a single package in the shipping room for delivery to the owner.

In practice, a cabinet 10 is assigned to the individual laundry or wash group in the washing room where said group is sub-divided into its classes and the classes thereof are placed in the proper drawers 11 of said cabinet 10. The cabinet 10 is then moved on its wheels 12 into and through the ironing room, during which progress the individual operators remove the drawers 11 in accordance with classes they or their machines operate on.

In order to prevent the operator from returning a drawer 11 which has been removed from one cabinet 10 to another cabinet 10, the drawers 11 of each cabinet are so constructed that they cannot be inserted in any cabinet other than the one in which they belong. This is accomplished by providing each drawer 11 with a locking and guiding lug 13 projecting upwardly from the rear end wall 14 of the drawer. This lug 13 cooperates and registers with and passes through an opening 15 in the front wall 16 of the cabinet 10 when the drawer 11 is inserted therein. Each cabinet 10 has its own individual arrangement of lugs 13 and openings 15

that is different from arrangements of the similar elements on all other cabinets in the same establishment. That is to say, by varying the shape, size and number of lugs 13 and correspondingly varying the cooperating openings 15, an unlimited variety of combinations may be obtained so that each cabinet 10 may have its own peculiar and distinctive combination which is entirely unlike the combination of any other cabinet 10. Thus each drawer 11 can only be returned to the proper cabinet 10 as there is no other cabinet in which it can be inserted. In this manner the identity of all classes of an individual laundry or wash group is maintained, without confusion or marking, in the ironing or finishing room and until the entire group is packaged for delivery to the owner.

It is readily manifest that by the variety of combinations possible in the number and shape of the lugs 13 and opening 15, the drawers 11 can be so constructed that not only the drawers 11 of one cabinet 10 cannot be inserted in the compartment of another cabinet 10, but that each drawer 11 must be inserted in its particular compartment in its cabinet.

It will be observed from the drawings that each drawer and the cabinet is marked with a number; the lids as well as the front of the drawer being marked. The cabinet itself is marked by number plate 21 which includes a pocket 22 in which may be inserted a slip or card to

designate the ownership of the laundry group assigned to the cabinet. Thus, if an operator cannot return the drawer to a cabinet, she knows that an error has been made and by checking up with the numbers she can quickly determine where the proper cabinet is located.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:—

1. A plurality of substantially similar cabinets each comprising a plurality of drawers mounted in compartments, and having interengaging means for preventing the insertion of one drawer in the compartment of another cabinet.

2. A cabinet according to Claim 1, having supporting wheels.

3. A cabinet according to Claim 1, having openings in the face thereof adjoining each compartment and projecting lugs on the drawers and adapted to cooperate with said openings.

4. A cabinet constructed substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawing.

Dated the 20th day of December, 1926.
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[This Drawing is a reproduction of the Original on a reduced scale.]



